



THE UGANDA WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FOUNDATION.



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EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

We have indeed come a long way since the birth of the Uganda Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda in 2018. The Foundation continues to evolve and materialize its efforts to professionalize its Work of developing and promoting wheelchair rugby in Uganda has had a continuing effort for several years now.

The capacities acquired and the hard-working during all these years came to fruition in this year of 2021 where we have managed to register several achievements ranging from foundation recognition and introduction of wheelchair rugby in Kampala and Gulu through a series of activities in this year

We continue to commit, promote and create awareness about wheelchair rugby on every platform available. Public awareness is key in the development, promoting and supporting wheelchair rugby we have reached several media platforms and we are proud to say that wheelchair rugby is a recognized para-sport in Uganda. It's still a long way however we are up for the challenge and we promise to take on every opportunity that is available for good of the Sport, Persons Living with Disability and the Foundation.

At the heart of commitment.....

On behalf of The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda, I take this opportunity to thank the office team, patron, board members and collaborators and supporters who each in their way contributed to our activities and made our actions possible. Without a doubt, the root of this relationship is trust and we are deeply honored by this.

I invite you to read about some of the highlights of the year in this report. I hope you enjoy it and we are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Signature

Wanyera Jairus Mukoota

President

Mission Statement

“To lead, promote, grow, and support wheelchair rugby for enjoyment for all in Uganda, inspiring and achieving excellence in everything we do”

Values:

Enjoyment

Trust

Respect

Inclusiveness

Team work

Who are we and where we operate

The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda is a non-government, non-political and nonprofit making organization with a mandate to nurture, lead, promote, grow and support wheelchair rugby development in Uganda. The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda was founded by Mr Wanyera Jairus Mukoota a disability activist in 2018 and registered as a company limited by guarantee under THE COMPANY ACT NO.1 of 2012 on the date of 26th/11/2020.

On 23rd/11/2021, The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda was registered as a Community Based Organization (CBO) REG.NO.WCBO/21/7432.

The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda operates in Uganda, specifically the Central region of Uganda in districts of Kampala and Wakiso.

In Kampala, we operate at Makerere sports ground inside Makerere University and it's where both athletes from Wakiso and Kampala train and play

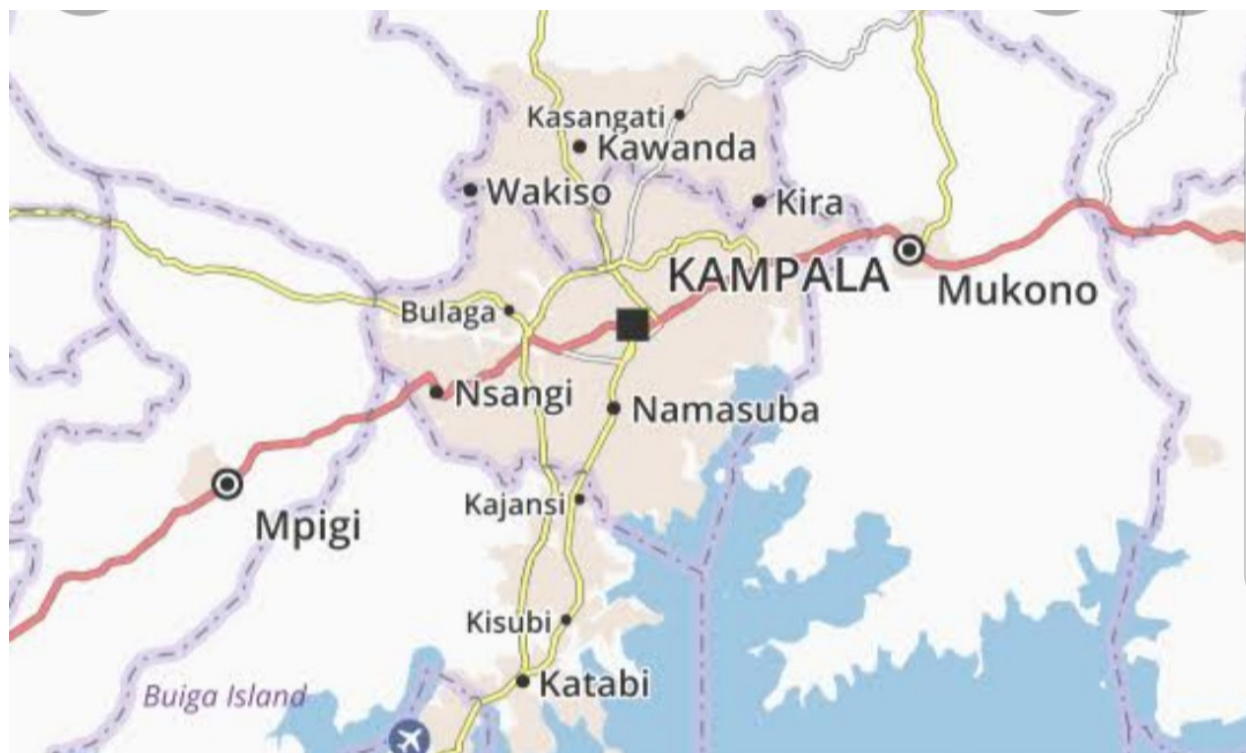


This is Makerere sports ground found at Makerere University where we train and play.

Why central region (Kampala and Wakiso)

According to The Uganda Bureau of Statistics 2019, Kampala was recorded as the second highest district with a high disability prevalence at 7%. This informs our choice of Kampala as our operational area because wheelchair rugby is for recreation and rehabilitation therefore the foundation aims at impacting a large number of persons living with disability to live appositive and prosperous life.

Kampala being a capital city it has fairly friendly facilities for disability sport making it a suitable place of operation in terms of accessibility.



Introduction

The wheelchair rugby foundation Uganda, following foundation strategic plan and the annual work plan we set out to achieve certain goals in 2021, which we achieved through a series of activities namely; Training of Coaches, Identification and Recruitment of Players, Affiliating to UNPC, Networking and Partnerships, Opening an Organization Bank Account, Acquiring a CBO Status Publicity and Awareness and Lastly Bench-marking.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Training of coaches

UWRF with support from WWR facilitated the first level 1 wheelchair rugby coaching course in Uganda at the Uganda Olympic committee. The online coaching course took place on the 10th, 11th, 17th and 24th of April 2021 between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. 15 participants from different sub-regions of Uganda were invited and at the end of the training 5 participants from different sub-regions of Uganda were certified as level 1 wheelchair rugby coaches and certificates were awarded.

The online coaching course

Some of the participants of the online Wheelchair rugby coaching course For level 1 coaches which took Place at the Uganda Olympic Committee led by President of The wheelchair rugby foundation Uganda.



Standing on the far left is Ocira Richard and on the far right seated in the wheelchair is Komakech Patrick both representatives from Gulu district in Northern Uganda. Second, from the far left is Ali Kibilango representing Wakiso district in Central Uganda. Ojara Richard and Kizza Kabonge standing on the far right representing Kampala district also in central Uganda.

Then in the middle seated on the wheelchair is Wanyera Jairus President UWRF, on he's left is Ouma Denis an official of UWRF and standing in the middle Mbonagaza Joan Secretary UWRF



During one of the sessions of the online wheelchair rugby level 1 coaching course facilitated by WWR



On the left is Mr. Jairus Mukoota president UWRF handing over a certificate to coach Ali Kibilango on the right after successfully participating in the wheelchair rugby level 1 coaching course sponsored and facilitated by WWR

Identifying and Recruiting

Our trained coaches have been identifying and recruiting athletes for wheelchair rugby in their respective regions of Uganda. And as a result, central region has put together a team of wheel chair rugby and they train on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Makerere sports ground. Identifying and recruitment is a process therefore our coaches continue pursuing that direction with aim of creating Regional clubs and a National team.

Publicity and Awareness Creation

UWRF prides in marketing wheelchair rugby at both national and international level through Main Stream Media (Television and Radio), Social Media and Print Media. We have had our activities such as training of coaches and training sessions for athletes covered by media houses such as NTV, UBC, Excel TV and Monitor. We have been hosted several times on Excel TV to talk issues concerning wheelchair rugby and as result the public has been introduced to the game. And mostly people living with disability encouraged to join Para Sport especially the most vulnerable such as victims of Spinal Cord Injury We share with the public our activities regarding wheelchair rugby on our Facebook page (The Uganda Wheelchair Rugby Foundation).



UBC news team interviewing Mr. Jairus President UWRF about the birth of the idea of wheelchair rugby in Uganda and what the foundation is doing to improve lives of people living with disability in the communities around in Kampala and far.

The daily monitor a local new paper telling the story of wheelchair rugby in Uganda and how The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda is impacting the lives of people living with disability especially victims of spinal cord injury.

Partnerships

We are in a partnership with Kampala wheelchair basketball association - KWBA and we recently signed A Memorandum Of Understanding, in which we agreed to pay a certain amount of money for the maintain of their wheelchairs and in return we get to use the same wheelchairs for wheelchair rugby. We look forward for more partnerships with relevant stake holders to develop wheelchair rugby.

Joint Memorandum Superseded

This Memorandum constitutes the entire Memorandum between the Parties relating to this subject matter and supersedes all prior or simultaneous representations, discussions, negotiations, and memorandums, whether written or oral.

Signatures

1. In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein.

Signed for and on behalf of:
Kampala Wheelchair Basketball Association
[Signature]
Sereyungi Murema
Chairman
KWCBKA

Date: 11/10/2021

Witness:
Name: *[Signature]*
Title: *[Signature]*
0755 374711

Signed for and on behalf of:
The Uganda Wheelchair Basketball League
Uganda Wheelchair Basketball Foundation
[Signature]
Date: 11/10/2021

Witness:
Name: *[Signature]*
Title: *[Signature]*
0701167416

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Bench-marking

Uganda Wheelchair Rugby Foundation (UWRF) supported its members to attend a virtual bench-marking engagement with the colleagues of Kenya Wheelchair Rugby Foundation (KWRF). This engagement was aimed at enabling Uganda Wheelchair Rugby Foundation (UWRF) team learn from Kenya wheelchair rugby foundation (KWRF) on development of the sport of wheelchair rugby and management of the foundation.

Affiliation

On 19th November 2021 during the Uganda Paralympic committee general assembly, the wheel chair rugby foundation Uganda officially became a member of Uganda Paralympic Committee a national governing body of Para sport in Uganda. This process of affiliating with Uganda Paralympic committee started back in June 2021 and we are glad that by November we successfully managed to affiliate with UPC has planned in our annual work plan.



At the Uganda Paralympic Committee offices located at Mulago.

Officials of The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda With The Officials Of Uganda Paralympic Committee After Submitting Our Request To Affiliate With UPC

In the middle is Honorable Mpindi Bumali President UPC and Mr. Wanyera Jairus President UWRF then on the left is Mr. Innocent Tumwesigye General Secretary UPC and on the right is Sakwa Wycliffe Administrator of UWRF.

Community Based Organization Status

It's required by law of Uganda that all nonprofit organizations be register as CBO with the office of the community based office at their respective districts .it upon this back ground that The Uganda wheelchair rugby foundation Uganda saw it important to register the foundation as a CBO for purposes of smooth running of the foundation.

We are glad that the wheelchair rugby foundation Uganda is fully registered CBO with Wakiso District under registration number REG.NO.WCBO/21/7432.



Caption of the UWRF original CBO certificate.

Organization Bank Account.

The board of The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda Passed a resolution that the Foundation acquires a bank account and to this effect the patron Mr. John Greatrex Provided funds for the same. We are happy to report that the Foundation acquired a bank account on 3rd/December /2021 under Account Name THE WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FOUNDATION UGANDA. AC NO. 05196350007 in Bank of Africa

Secretariat

The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda is located in Wakiso District, Kasangati Town Council II, Kabubu Ward, and Manyangwa Cell B. Our Postal Address is P. O. Box 100867 Kampala GPO



Covid 19 Relief

After the government of Uganda announcing a 49 days lock down on 19th/June /2021 it came to the attention of the Foundation that our athletes where greatly challenged especially with feeding their families and through our President Mr. Jairus Mukoota carried out an online fundraiser to this effect and by the grace of God the Foundation was able to raise five hundred thousand Ugandan shillings(500,000ug shs) from friends and well-wishers of the Foundation which was used to procure food stuffs (Posho, Beans, Sugar and Rice) for our athletes.



Food relief for UWRF athletes during the lock down

Every athlete received 5kgs of maize flour, 1kg of Sugar, 2kgs of Rice and 2kgs of Beans as presented in the photos above.

LIMITATIONS

As its true that the foundation achieved a lot in this year we cannot flout the challenges put to us as The Wheelchair Rugby Foundation Uganda and these are presented below;

Covid 19

The pandemic has taken a toll on most of sectors of every country if not all, for the case of Uganda we have had several lock downs and restrictions on movement and on different sectors sports inclusive. Such restrictions mean that a sports managing foundation like UWRF is not to have any activities running and as result we resort to virtual engagements. For instance The Level 1 Training Course for Coaches and The Bench-marking Activity in Nairobi Kenya were held virtually yet they would be more beneficial if held physically.

Furthermore the training for the Classifiers of Wheelchair Rugby had to be canceled because it required physical engagements yet Covid 19 restrictions to such were in effect.

Facilities and equipment

Para sport in general lacks standard facilities in Uganda. Facilities of able bodied people are used which poses several challenges ranging from such as accessibility to being injuries traps for our athletes during play for the case of wheelchair rugby, basketball courts for able bodied people are used for the sport yet they are not appropriate for the sport which puts the lives of the athletes at risk such makes it a challenge for the foundation to recruit athletes for the sport thereby affecting the development of wheelchair rugby

Furthermore wheelchair rugby is ill equipped we lack wheelchairs recommended for the sport wheelchair rugby and rather opt for wheelchairs of wheelchair basketball are not in good shape

The situation is two different sport use the same wheelchairs secured through an MOU between the leadership of the two sports

The wheelchairs we use are old with spare parts from bicycles and skate shoes, welded by people without expertise in welding sports wheelchairs and lack basic safety features like straps and cautions. Such challenges demotivate athletes and scare away potential athletes sighting a high potential of sustaining injuries especially to victims spinal cord injury.



The photo above shows the condition of the wheelchairs in use

Athlete Welfare

In a normal setting athletes of a Para Sport like wheelchair rugby require reasonable accommodation which is impossible in our case. the nature of the facilities in use are for able bodied athletes and cannot offer resting shelters from direct sunlight, the wash rooms are not inclusive, shops for refreshments are far and inaccessible and worst of all we lack a medical personal on court in case of injury these challenges are put directly to the foundation leadership which also lacks funding to facilitate such.

Fur more our athletes come from within and others far out of Kampala making it to the training facility is expensive because all of them are wheelchair users. It's costly to travel with a wheelchair using public means therefore some of the athletes don't come in time and other miss several training sessions which affects the growth of the game among athletes.

Administration

The foundation is making its baby steps and a lot has to be done to attain our goal of leading promoting, growing and supporting wheelchair rugby in Uganda. This calls for a dedicate and competent team of members however for now all technical work falls on the shoulders of the board members and a few dedicated members (coaches and some athletes) who only get a little facilitation for particular activity but no a payment plan or salary .in addition to inadequate equipment for caring out tasks of the foundation and inadequate funds to procure supplies such paper, files and basic office supplies. This impacts agency at which tasks are done

Funding

The Wheelchair Rugby Foundations Uganda has not secured donation it being a new foundation and the funds secured are in most times I kind with inadequate funds it's not easy to accomplish tasks as the foundation would wish. However With some reasonable donation or funding the foundation can cover ground in its quest to develop wheelchair rugby in Uganda

OUTLOOK FOR 2022

The year 2021 has showed us that we can achieve more regardless of the challenges presented to the foundation especially working in the pandemic. We look forward to do the following come 2022;

1. We hope to have a training of classifiers which initially was to take place in 2021 but was affected by Covid 19. We hope to have it next year 2022 if approved by WWR.
2. We hope to organize the first wheelchair rugby tournament with in Central Region and also continue recruiting and identifying athletes.
3. We shall continue popularizing wheelchair rugby on all media platforms available to the foundation.
4. We shall continue lobbying for funds and donation of equipment needed for wheelchair rugby.
5. We hope to put to attention different stake holders the need to fund and support wheelchair rugby in Uganda.

FINANCE

Below are financial documents showing accountability for the monies secured to fund the level one training of coaches for wheelchair rugby.

The expenses below have receipts and these monies were faithfully accounted for as presented.

Table 1.

THE WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FOUNDATION UGANDA					
NOTES FORMING PART OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2021					
1 OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Rent				700,000	
sport equipment				51,000	
Power				60,000	
Bank and Mobile charge				400,000	
				1,211,000	
2 STAFF COSTS:					
Accomodation				260,000	
Meals				312,600	
Transport				1,340,000	
Water				1,912,600	
3 ADMINISTRATIVE:					
Facilitation				1,900,000	
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Notes,

1. The note to the income statement account for two months of rent for the secretariat which is 350,000ugandan shillings per month the paid at the time of donation and the rest of the rent for the secretariat was paid by the patron of the foundation.

Table 2.

THE WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FOUNDATION UGANDA									
INCOME STATEMENT FOR 2021									
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	INCOMES:								
		Donation				6,000,000			
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	EXPENDITURES:								
		Operating Expenses		1		1,211,000			
		Staff costs		2		1,912,600			
		Administrative		3		2,052,000			
		Total Expenses				5,175,600			
		Net Balance				824,400			

Notes

1. The balance from this particular donation was used to facilitate administration cost for the rest of year 2021.
2. It's important to report that individual monies from the President of UWRF Mr. Wanyera Jairus Mukoota were used to facilitate things like transport facilitation for athletes on certain occasions, refreshments for athletes during training and play and also meeting individual needs of some athletes.
3. Some monies were received in kind for instance the monies used to procure food relief for the athletes during the lock down

Conclusion

On the behalf of UWRF I would like to thank the Staff, Coaches, Friends and Partners of UWRF who contributed to the success achieved this year 2021.

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